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SUBJECT: NKOMO DELEGATION VISITS TANZANIA

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- 1. TWO MAN DELEGATION FROM NKOMO FACTION OF RHODESIAN ANC, CONSISTING OF SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH MSITA AND NATIONAL CHAIRMAN SAMUEL MUNODAWAFA ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM OCTOBER 14, AND ASLER MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS FLEW TO MWANZA ON OCTOBER 15 TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM NKOMO TO PRESIDENT NYERERE.
- 2. MSITA WAS QUOTED BY SWAHILI-LANGUAGE DAILY UHURU AS SAYING THAT "ZIMBABWE PEOPLE HAVE GREAT FAITH IN NKOMO AND THAT IS WHY THEY ELECTED HIM AS LEADER OF ANC IN THE PARTY EXECUTIVE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 2," AND THAT THE ELECTION WAS LEGAL UNDER THE ANC CONSTITUTION. HE DENIED THAT SMITH WAS READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH

NKOMO, BECAUSE HAD SMITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WANTED TO TALK WITH NKOMO HE WOULD HAVE

DONE SO A LONG TIME AGO. FINALLY, MSITA REPORTED AS SAYING ANC BELIEVED THAT ONLY ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD LIBERATE ZIMBABWE, ALTHOUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS ROUTE HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY LEADERS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH "WE DIDN'T LIKE TO IGNORE."

3. EARLIER, ON OCTOBER 12, NDABANINGI SITHOLE PASSED THROUGH DAR AND TOLD UHURU'S CORRESPONDENT THAT OAU SHOULD NOT RECOGNIZE NKOMO. "ANC BELIEVES FIRMLY," HE SAID, "THAT NKOMO'S TREASON WILL DIE OF COLD IF IT IS NOT RECOGNIZED, AND THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF ZIMBABWE PATRIOTS DO NOT SUPPORT NKOMO IN HIS CONSPIRACY OF PLANNING

TO ACCEPT NOMINAL LEADERSHIP OF A SMITH CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE DEPUTY PREMIERSHIP AND THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

DEFENSE, FINANCE, AND INFORMATION WOULD BE HELD BY SMITH'S HENCHMEN.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE MSITA MISSION, THOUGH IT DESCRIBED IN THE SKETCHY NEWS COVERAGE AS REPRESENTING THE "BREAKAWAY GROUP" WHICH "CLAIMS TO REPRESENT" ANC. ITS MEMBERS WERE NOT GIVEN THE HONORIFIC TITLE "NDUGU" (COMRADE) RESERVED FOR TANZANIA'S IDEOLOGICAL FRIENDS. LEVIN

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